



BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH 2025

25/110 PRESENT

The following took part in the meeting

Parish Councillors: Councillor N. Prouse, Councillor F. Takel, Councillor J. Sandiford, Councillor H. Albery, Councillor S. Cookson,

Attendance : Councillor F. Nicholson

Clerk : J Aldridge

Public : Deborah Moorhouse Banks, Christine Browring

25/111 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor S. Pugsley

25/112 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made

25/113 DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS

Christine Browring reported another near miss at 11 o'clock in the morning along Station Road with a vehicle passing far too close to her whilst driving fast. Mrs Browring is extremely concerned over this issue of speeding throughout the village as her Sister has had an ankle broken by a speeding motorist. The Clerk has been requested to contact the Police to ascertain if they can help in the matter of speeding.

Mrs Browring reported a hole in the road outside 13 Ellersdown Lane and has subsequently filled with mud which has washed down from the field. Councillor Nicholson reported these issues online during the meeting.

25/114 APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Councillor Takel and Seconded by Councillor Cookson

25/115 FINANCIAL REPORT

25/115/01 Payment Authorisation

The following December payments were approved, the Clerk will now make the BACS payments

PAYMENT AUTHORISATION : DECEMBER 9TH., 2025

PAYEE	INVOICE NO.	EXPENSE	NET	VAT	GROSS	
Amherst & Shapland		Staff Wages	£664.30		£664.30	
		Amherst & Shapland monthly fee	£12.50	£2.50	£15.00	
		Total Staff Wages and Administration	£676.80	£2.50	£679.30	
Brushford Parish Hall CIO	BPH2025- 0623	Hire of Hall for November meeting	£13.75		£13.75	
Mrs J Aldridge		Travelling to and from Emergency Planning Meeting on 20/11/25 19 miles each way	£17.10		£17.10	
SouthWest Play	SI-9109	50% Deposit for purchase and Installation of Clatter Bridge in Jubilee Gardens	£887.00	£177.40	£1,064.40	

PAYEE	INVOICE NO.	EXPENSE	NET	VAT	GROSS
Exmoor Creative	EC-INV-1295	Website/Domain & Email Support	£190.00		£190.00
TOTAL			£1,784.65	£179.90	£1,964.55

25/116 PATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Councillor Albery, using the new footpath signs, improved the signage at Upcott, fitted a new sign at Langridge pointing towards Upcott, positioned a new sign at Lower Langridge and another at Brushford Back Lane to Hulverton Hill.

Councillor Albery then travelled around Brushford checking on the remaining signs, which, he reported, all appeared to be in good condition.

25/117 PARISH MAINTENANCE

25/117/01 *Basketball Court - Hoop Netting/Backboard renewal*

Councillor Takel has yet to arrange a date to remove the rims of the current backboards due to the inclement weather of late but will try to facilitate this by the next meeting.

25/117/02 Jubilee Gardens Play Area Acquisition

The Clerk has still heard nothing more as yet from the legal team at Somerset Council.

25/117/03 New Bridge for small slide & tower in Jubilee Gardens

After asking the Councillors for their preferred choice of colour for the rope of new clatter bridge, Red was chosen, the manufacturer has been informed and the 50% deposit paid. The installation will take place on the 22nd January 2026.

25/117/04 Village Centre Project

The Clerk spoke to the carpenter/builder regarding his quote for the new shelter and was informed that his wood supplier was no longer able to provide him with the materials he would need for the job and therefore he has respectfully declined to quote for this work.

The Councillors all agreed the Clerk should contact the other builder/carpenter who submitted an estimated quote to ask for a full quote and time line for starting the job and also to liaise with the ground worker in order to arrange start dates for both tasks.

Once a firm quote has been received the Clerk will apply for a grant, offered by SALC, for this project.

25/117/05 Phone Box

The Chair said he would obtain a larger pallet, for transportation of the phone box, and once he has a suitable one he will contact the Clerk who will then contact the land owner to arrange a mutually suitable date for the removal of the phone box to the Clerks garden for storage until such time as the door can be repaired

25/117/06 SID Solar Panel

The Clerk put forward an idea to the meeting for the Solar panel to be used as one of the ways to power a battery in the event of a large power outage, which was one of the suggestions during the Emergency Planning meeting that she attended back on November.

The Councillors discussed this matter and asked the Clerk to contact FTS to enquire about the suitability of the solar panel to charge batteries and any connections that may be necessary for this task.

25/117/07 Hedge at Brushford New Road

Following on from Councillor Albery's observation regarding the overgrown Conifer hedge along Brushford New Road, which is obstructing a Give Way road-sign, the Chair reiterated that he will contact the owner with regard to getting it cut back.

Councillor Albery suggested the moving of the Give Way sign to remove any future problems with the hedge, Councillor Nicholson suggested the Clerk contact Kali Martin of the Highways team at Somerset Council regarding the moving of the sign.

25/118 Co-Opting of a New Councillor

Deborah Moorhouse Banks attended the November Brushford Parish Council meeting to discover if becoming a Councillor would be something that she would be interested in. The Councillors were keen to have her join them. Deborah was given the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Parish Councillor form which she duly signed, she took home the Register of Interests form to complete and returned it to the Clerk at this meeting. Deborah Moorhouse Banks was unanimously voted in by all the Councillors to join Brushford Parish Council as a Councillor from this date forward.

25/119 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received

25/120 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Nicholson reported the pedestrian signage along Station Road is still in hand.

Councillor Nicholson passed on information from a Regional News item which stated - there are more traffic accidents in rural areas than in Towns and Cities but they are mainly caused by driver visitors from the Towns and Cities who do not appreciate the intricacies of driving in the Country.

Councillor Nicholson offered to pass on the Highways report that she receives on a regular basis to all of the Councillors, the Councillors all agreed this to be a good idea and would welcome the reports.

25/121 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is to be January 13th 2026 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall.

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N. Prouse Chair